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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE

1. BELGRADE PAPERS OF SEPTEMBER 5 ANNOUNCED THAT DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF DRAFT FEDERAL CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN MOVED BACK FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15. OCTOBER 15 IS ALSO DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF REPUBLIC CONSTITUTIONS.

2. SEPTEMBER 6 POLITIKA ARTICLE JUSTIFIED CHANGE BY SAYING THAT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION, THOUGH INTENSIVE, HAD ONLY DEALT IN GENERALITIES; THAT RECENT DISCUSSION ARE MUCH MORE INTENSIVE AND CONCRETE; AND THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION NEED CLARIFYING.

3. COMMENT: PRESS COVERAGE OF DEBATE THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD, EMPHASIZING NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND INTENSE INTEREST IN NEW CONSTITUTION. REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS HAVE SAID THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BUT THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS NEED MORE PRECISE FORMULATIONS. COVERAGE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT SUMMER VACATIONS HAD NOT AFFECTED WORK ON THE CONSTITUTIONS. DELAY WOULD INDICATE THAT THIS NOT ENTIRE TRUE, BUT ALSO THAT OFFICIALS DO WANT A THOROUGH DISCUSSION TO POINT UP POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER DELAY WILL AFFECT TIME SCHEDULE FOR FEDERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTION OF FEDERAL

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